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SUBJECT: MEETING OF GREEK-TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS AT STRASBOURG

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1. ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN OF MONDAY, JANUARY 24, THREE BASIC ISSUES ARE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS IN STRASBOURG. THE FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

2. "IT IS REPORTED THAT DURING THEIR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 29, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY, MR BITSIOS AND MR CAGLAYANGIL, WILL DISCUSS THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL UNCLASSIFIED

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3. "THE TWO MINISTERS WILL NOT DISCUSS THE SUBECT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AT GREAT LENGTH, SINCE ON JANUARY 31 EXPERTS FROM GREECE AND TURKEY WILL HOLD A MEETING IN LONDON FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION TO HANDLE THE LEGAL ASPECT OF THE SUBJECT.

4. "THE TALKS ON THE AIR SPACE, HOWEVER, WILL BE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ALREADY, THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN PROMOTED DURING CONSULTATIONS HELD IN ATHENS WITH THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR, MR TEZEL. THE TWO MINISTERS WILL TRY TO FIND OUT IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO REACH A FINAL SETTLEMENT.

5. "WITH REGARD TO MULTILATERAL BALKAN COOPERATION, THE TURKISH SIDE WILL HAVE TO CLARIFY ITS INTENTIONS AND, MORE PARTICULARLY, WHETHER ANKARA INTENDS TO SUBMIT ITS PROPOSALS, AS ALREADY ANNOUNCED, ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS FOR BALKAN COOPERATION."

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